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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Joseph Pan

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-7 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 26 August 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 8/26/03.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Monier (U.S. Patent No. 5,987,489) in view of Kondo (U.S. Patent No. 6,101,621).

Referring to claim 1:

i. Monier teaches:

An encryption circuit, comprising:

a plurality of operation circuits which are connected (see e.g. figure 3 of Monier); and

a control circuit controlling said plurality of operation circuits to provide encryption or decryption control (see column 6, lines 23-28 of Monier); wherein each of said plurality of operation circuits includes

a first register holding operation data (see e.g. figure 3, element 11 of Monier),

an addition and subtraction circuit performing addition and subtraction with respect to the operation data held in said first register (see figure 3, element 28 of Monier),

a right-shift circuit performing right-shift with respect to an

operation result by said addition and subtraction circuit (see column 6, lines 37-39 of Monier), and

a second register holding an operation result by said right-shift circuit (see column 7, lines 30-39 of Monier);

an addition and subtraction circuit in a first operation circuit performs addition and subtraction using a carry-in signal from a second operation circuit, and outputs a carry-out signal generated through addition and subtraction to a third operation circuit (see figure 3, element 28; and column 7, lines 30-39 of Monier); and

a right-shift circuit in said first operation circuit performs right-shift using a shift-in signal from said third operation circuit, and outputs a shift-out signal generated through right-shift to said second operation circuit (see column 6, lines 37-39 of Monier).

Monier discloses the addition circuit and the subtraction circuit. However, Monier does not specifically mention the addition and subtraction circuit.

ii. Kondo teaches a logic circuit with a pipelined structure wherein Kondo discloses the addition and the subtraction circuit (see column 15, lines 5-27 of Kondo).

iii. It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine the teaching of Kondo into the method of Monier to use the addition and subtraction circuit for the encryption unit.

iv. The ordinary skilled person would have been motivated to have applied the teaching of Kondo into the system of Monier to use the addition and subtraction circuit for the encryption unit, because the addition and the subtraction circuit supports the functionalities of both the addition circuit or the subtraction circuit.

Referring to claim 2:

Monier and Kondo teach the claimed subject matter: an encryption circuit (see claim 1 above). They further disclose the dividing the operand (see column 4, lines 1-8 of Monier).

Referring to claim 3:

Monier and Kondo teach the claimed subject matter: an encryption circuit (see claim 1 above). They further disclose the carry value and the clock (see column 12, lines 59-61; and column 11, lines 1-9 of Monier).

Referring to claim 4:

Monier and Kondo teach the claimed subject matter: an encryption circuit (see claim 1 above). They further disclose the most significant bit (see column 3, lines 52-53 of Monier).

Referring to claim 5:

Monier and Kondo teach the claimed subject matter: an encryption circuit (see claim 1 above). They further disclose the plurality of operation circuits are connected (see figure 3 of Monier).

Referring to claim 6:

Monier and Kondo teach the claimed subject matter: an encryption circuit (see claim 1 above). They further disclose the left-shift circuit (see column 13, lines 26-33 of Kondo).

Referring to claim 7:

Monier and Kondo teach the claimed subject matter: an encryption circuit (see claim 1 above). They further disclose the selector (see column 7, lines 44-45 of Monier).

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph Pan whose telephone number is 571-272-5987.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Kim Vu can be reached at 571-272-3859. The fax and phone

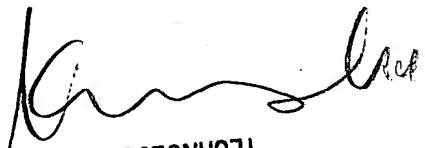
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numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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